

ing detained by the German authorities. It is confidently expected that, following the Cabinet meeting this afternoon a definite statement will be forthcoming setting forth what the Administration is prepared to do toward furnishing guns for American ships destined to leave German war zone threats.

Tension Increased.
The curt rejection by the President of the "informal" proposal from Germany that the two nations negotiate further regarding the submarine blockade has admittedly increased the tension. Other factors in the situation are:

Reports from Berlin that the German Government has violated its agreement to set free American sailors captured by the German raider and taken into a German port on the Yarrowdale; and has decided to detain other American citizens who were in German territory at the time of the severance of relations.

Exposure of Propaganda.
The exposure of the sub-surface propaganda, engineered by Bernstorff and abetted by prominent American pacifists, to divide public opinion in this country as to the proper course for President Wilson to follow.

The further details that have been received by the Department of State concerning the hostile treatment of Ambassador Gerard by the German authorities, following the severance of relations.

The disruption of Belgian relief work, and the probability that Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium, will have to be recalled from Brussels.

The departure tonight of Count von Bernstorff from Washington as a final evidence of the completeness of the break between the two nations.

Situation Hangs On Yarrowdale.
Of all these factors those which stand out as most likely to precipitate the final clash concern the fate of the Yarrowdale prisoners and the other Americans in Germany and the proposal to arm the American merchant ships.

The one is expected to lead to an extremely sharp exchange between the two governments. The other is expected to bring on the final test of Germany's willingness to force a war.

Officials of the Administration have no hesitancy in saying that Germany's repudiation of her promise to release the Yarrowdale prisoners is one of the most high-handed acts of the Berlin authorities. Even in the event of war, it is held here, such an act would be unjustifiable. That it should be resorted to conveys the impression here that in many respects Germany already considers that the war is on.

Arming Decision Important.
The decision of the American Government regarding the arming of American ships has been regarded as more and more imperative. As things now stand, officials reluctantly admit the United States is placed in the humiliating position of being afraid to test the German threat.

On the other hand, it is realized that once the American passenger liners, armed or unarmed, weigh anchor for the war zone, the future will be in the hands of the submarine commanders.

BUCK FROZEN IN ICE.
HIGHLAND FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 13.—Sam McAvoy found a buck frozen into the ice on the Hudson river. He had been dead only a short time.

WEATHER REPORT.
District of Columbia—Fair and warmer tonight. Lowest temperature about 18 degrees. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and warmer. Moderate, variable winds becoming southerly.

Maryland—Fair and warmer tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and warmer. Probably snow in the mountains. Moderate west to southwest winds.

Virginia—Fair and warmer tonight. Wednesday increasing cloudiness and warmer. Probably snow or rain in extreme southwest portion. Moderate northwest winds becoming southerly Wednesday.

Temperatures.
5 a. m. 3
9 a. m. 5
10 a. m. 13
11 a. m. 17
12 noon 20
1 p. m. 24
2 p. m. 26

Tide Table.
High tides—12:10 p. m. height 2.6
Low tides—6:15 a. m. height 0.2
7:06 p. m. height 0.2

Sun and Moon Table.
Sun rises—7:02 a. m.
Sun sets—5:43 p. m.
Moon sets—9:42 a. m.
Light automobile lamps 6:13 p. m.

CALL FOR EXTRA SESSION EXPECTED

Based on Failure of Congress to Pass Administration Program.

President Wilson is confidently expected in many quarters to issue within the next two weeks a call for an extra session of Congress to assemble immediately after the present Congress adjourns, on March 4.

While it is anticipated that the call would be based on the failure of the present Congress to pass the various pending Administration bills, such as railroad strike legislation, flood control legislation, the corrupt practices bill and the oil land leasing and the general dam bills, it is regarded as unlikely that the President might want Congress available after March 4 in the event that it becomes necessary for him to undertake warlike steps against Germany.

Legislative Program Blocked.
Although inquiry in Administration circles does not result in any precise confirmation of the report that an extra session will be called, there is every indication in Congress that none of the measures of general legislation demanded by the President in his annual message has a chance of passing. By a tight squeeze the appropriation bills will probably get through, and perhaps the revenue measure, but that is as far as trained observers at the Capitol will go in their optimism.

Democratic sponsors for the various Administration measures are all pulling at cross purposes, and even in the case of the revenue bill, which the Democratic caucus approved, individual members of the Senate are organizing opposition against various features of the bill. One group opposes the proposed tax on oleomargarine, another is against the excess revenue tax, and so on.

Must Raise More Money.
If this measure fails it stands to reason that war or no war, an extra session will have to be called. The Government cannot proceed with the program of expenditures authorized by the appropriation bills with a \$300,000,000 deficit staring it in the face. Even the side-tracking of the "work barrel" measures has not saved the situation in this respect. Their passage would merely have added to the size of the deficit.

While the anxiety over the revenue bill increased, Senators continue in time-wasting fashion to jockey about in the hope of obtaining a favorable position for their pet measures in the final legislative race of the session. Those behind the flood control bills decline to be edged out by those who want the oil land leasing legislation given preference.

Senator Robert L. Owen seeks to elbow all others out of the way who are not backing his corrupt practices bill, and Senator Newlands of Nevada has served notice that unless the anti-strike railroad legislation is given the position at the post he will not permit any measure of general legislation to start down the track.

In the meantime the defense appropriation bills are crowding for

consideration. It had been hoped by Democratic Senators that these measures could be got out of the way quickly, but the crisis that has arisen in international affairs, due to the break with Germany, has given a sudden impetus to the universal military training idea which the Democrats had hoped to dispense with at this session.

This phase of the defense question is certain to arouse prolonged debate. Senator Blair Lee of Maryland, who appears as the most aggressive opponent of universal military training, is expected to lead in a prolonged fight to prevent its adoption.

Legislators Grow Reconciled.
Inasmuch as the legislative situation is as it is, members of Congress are rapidly reconciling themselves to the idea of an extra session. Such a session, of course, would be made up of the new House elected last November and a Senate somewhat changed in complexion. The question as to whether the Democrats or Republicans would control remains problematical.

At the same time, however, it is felt that if there is to be prospect of war with Germany, it would be just as well for the President to have Congress on hand to stand behind him with any legislation which he might require to meet the eventualities of war.

MEXICO ADDS TO GRAVITY OF CRISIS

Carranza Note Shows Pro-German Leaning; Border Trouble Feared.

Mexican problems, though comparatively small beside the German-American situation, perplexed and worried officials here today.

Press reports that Villistas are ramped below the border at Palomas, plus General Carranza's anti-ally note, gave affairs a tinge that officials here disliked.

In the first place, it appeared entirely likely that Villa might take advantage of overshadowing international problems to "start something" along the border.

In the second place General Carranza, either through German influence or otherwise, has suggested cutting off supplies for the allies—including the rich and copious oil deposits of Tampico. Whether he will take action to back up his sugges-

tions, no one here knows; but the possibility was sufficiently likely to prove a disturbing element.

CHAMPION NEWSBOY HERE

Keystone Sam Cole Has Sold Papers All Over World.

Keystone Sam Cole, world's champion newsboy, is in town. The first place he called after arriving from Baltimore was The Times office, where he has a number of acquaintances. He is well-known to the newspaper men throughout the country.

Keystone Sam has but recently returned from abroad, where he sold papers to the soldiers in the trenches. Washington is just a vacation to Sam. For years, ever since he was sixteen—he is now twenty-six—he has traveled over the whole world. Starting from Baltimore, his home town, ten years ago, he toured this country and then proceeded to Europe, Asia, and Africa. Sam is not a "Knight of the Road," always paying his fare and working wherever he hangs his hat. Newspaper selling is his specialty, although he writes for some magazines and does a bit of sketching, besides selling pictures of himself.

Sam will remain in town until tonight, when he leaves for San Francisco.

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